

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Meeting Via Microsoft Teams Meeting – Meeting was recorded

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Introductions: Everyone stated their name, agency, and the location from which they were calling.

Those Present Were:

Ryan Smith, BCATS Staff; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Robert “Mitch” Huber, MDOT Statewide Planning; Jon Roberts, MDOT UTAU; Tina Makarewicz, MDOT OPT; Jason Perez, MDOT; Jack Hofweber, MDOT Bay City TSC; Cody Bodrie, EMCOG; Terry Moulthane, City of Bay City; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City, and; Cyndi Gaul, Administrative Assistant, Bay County Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department.

Minutes from April 13, 2021 BCATS Technical Meeting:

It was moved by Moulthane, seconded by Phillips, to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2021 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Public Comment: There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Legislative Update: There was nothing new to report at this time.

FY2022 Unified Work Program (UWP):

The UWP for FY2022 draft will be forthcoming at the June 2021 BCATS Meeting and will be sent out for review prior to the meeting. There were a few extra items that needed to be worked through and checked prior to a draft being released for review. Local funding resolutions are out for signatures. Traditionally the City of Bay City likes to sign the local funding resolutions last.

FY2020-2023 TIP Amendments, Administrative Modifications:

Smith provided a handout of the FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification for review and recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval. The following is the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification requested:

FY 2021:

1. The Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase for MDOT’s Region-wide Durable Pavement Marking Placement project (Saginaw, St. Clair, Midland, Bay, Genesee) is being abandoned.

FY 2023:

1. Move the construction (CON) phase for the MDOT M-84 Non-freeway Signing Upgrade project located in Bay County and Saginaw County from the FY2021-2023 TIP to the FY2023-2026 TIP Cycle. The MPO acknowledges that the FY2023 is a transitional year between TIPs and is proactively moving this project on to the next TIP (FY2023-2026)

A motion was made by Reithel, seconded by Moulthane, to favorably recommend the FY 2020-2023 TIP amendment be moved forward to BCATS Policy Committee for approval. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Great Lakes Bay Region Travel Demand Model Update:

Jon Roberts from MDOT Planning – Urban Travel Analysis unit, provided an update regarding the Great Lakes Bay Region Travel Demand Model. Staff are working on future predictions and plugging projects into the model. Midland had some project scenarios for road diets and changes in roads from two-way to one-way that they wanted to put into the model. Scenarios for the bridge closures will be done too. If we

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have any projects in the Long Range Plan that we would like to see plugged into the model please forward them to Jon. The 2045 Horizon Year Forecast Results are on track and ready to roll out soon and there will be a meeting with the three MPOs (Bay, Midland, and Saginaw) to roll out the forecast. Jon will also make a presentation at a future BCATS Meeting. The bridge closure results would be presented at a separate meeting with Bay City. While we don't have any Bay County capacity projects to run, Ryan will see if there are any projects we can run in the model. The Uptown off ramp may be a good project to run in the model. Ryan would be happy to put the site plan into GIS format so it can be more easily shared.

COVID-19 HIP Funds:

The COVID-19 Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funds that have become available to the MPO have been designated to the Bay City 2023 phase of the Wenona Street Reconstruction. Bay City is working to secure other funding for the project, however they haven't heard anything. Phillips would like the COVID-19 Funds to continue to be allocated for the Wenona Street Project. If additional funding can be secured for the 2023 phase of the project, then the COVID-19 HIP funds can be applied elsewhere. Since there is a three-year window to use the COVID-19 HIP Funds, it's important to keep BCATS updated on any other funding secured for the Wenona Street Project.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization Legislation (Transportation and Infrastructure or "T&I"):

Projects for the Surface Transportation Reauthorization legislation T&I have already been selected by Congressman Dan Kildee. The selected projects are moving forward to be approved by the legislation. No time frame has been announced for the availability of funds.

Asset Management Updates:

Due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements, PASER Training has been conducted virtually. There will be one more PASER Training taking place June 15-17, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. each day. Two-person teams will be allowed for the collection of data this rating season. BCATS plans to collect data from all Bay County and Bay City federal aid eligible roads this year. The requirement to have a representative from MDOT along during the data collection has been waived for 2021. Smith has reached out to both the City of Bay City and the Bay County Road Commission regarding plans to rate the entire federal aid system this season. It will be a big task but will hopefully be easier when the BCATS Transportation Planner position is filled soon. The Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) released Michigan's 2020 Roads & Bridges Annual Report and Ryan will share the link.

Project Updates

Bay City:

The Wenona Street Reconstruction project underway and may be a week past the original completion date in September 2021. Ionia to Fisher is fully closed as they work south to north on this road project that should be completed by the end of the week. Johnson Street (Ketchum to Water) is underway and during construction they found some old wooden water mains. Lafayette is expected to begin over the next two weeks. Marquette will begin the end of June or early July this year.

MDOT:

The I-75 Reconstruction Project from Beaver Road north is temporarily widening the shoulders and there will be two lanes north and south for the weekend traffic starting Memorial Day. The M-247 Railroad Crossing improvement in Bay City will be taking place this summer from June 21st to August 27th. The Signal Modernization Project at Salzburg (M-84) and Euclid (M-13) will take place this October – November, 2021. The Signal Modernization Project at M-13 and Beaver Rd will begin this summer and re-establish the left-turning lane SB on M-13 and create a cul-de-sac on

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Old Kawkawlin Road. The Bay-Zilwaukee designated trails that were damaged due to flooding will have repair work done by the Bay City TSC.

Other/New Business

Transportation Planner/GIS Technician Position

The Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department posted the Transportation Planner/GIS Technician position and have been conducting interviews. We anticipate that the position will be filled soon.

2021 Aerial Imagery

The 2020 Aerial Imagery final deliverable data has been delayed. Once we receive the data, Ryan will get it loaded onto the system.

Lafayette Bridge

Terry Moutane found some old photos and blueprints from the 1937 construction of the Lafayette Bridge. Jack Hofweber would like to have a copy.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Moutane, seconded by Reithel, to adjourn the May 11, 2021 BCATS Technical Committee meeting at 10:45 a.m. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Smith

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Transcribed by C. Gaul